

OUTLAWS CAUSED
SLEUTH'S DEATHBanished Members of Black
Hand Slew Petrosino.

POLICE PLAN VENGEANCE

Results of Dastards' Crime Will
Be Far-reaching.

Former President Roosevelt Speaks
in Glowing Terms of Fine Career of
Detective Who Was Slain in Pal-
ermo, Italy—Late Officer's Col-
leagues Will Make It Hard Here-
after for All Italian Criminals.

New York, March 13.—The men who
have worked under Joseph Petrosino for
years in detecting, punishing, and driving
out of the country the Italian black-
mailers and all-round criminals who came
to be generally known as "the Black
Hand Society," believe that Petrosino was
assassinated by some of the sixty Syrian
and Arabian outlaws whose deportation
the lieutenant brought about while he di-
rected the Italian bureau of the police
department here.

Petrosino could not bring about the con-
viction of these men in New York, but
made the town too hot for them. When
he could not get direct evidence that
they were blackmailers or knife men, he
put into practice a system of police perse-
cution that the circumstances justified in
his mind, and in the opinion of his su-
periors. Espionage, a succession of ar-
rests, rough treatment when the slightest
resistance was offered, and threats backed
up by a powerful police machine that
Petrosino had perfected himself, fright-
ened the sixty out of the country.

There was hardly a man of them, as
Petrosino and his bureau detectives
thoroughly realized, who would not have
stabbed him in the back if there had
been a chance of eluding capture in this
country. There was not one chance in
a hundred that they could murder Petrosino
here, and get away with it. Their
names, the records of their crimes, their
pictures, the very lines of their thumb
tips were down in Petrosino's books at
115 Lafayette street.

Bandit Awaited Victim.

Petrosino's assistants are convinced the
deported bandits awaited their opportu-
nity in Italy, where murder is not a capital
crime, and where old and powerful
criminal societies offered a chance of
protection and escape.

The facts have been communicated to
the State Department at Washington by
Fourth Deputy Police Commissioner Ar-
thur Woods, chief of the detective bureau.
In the effort to find and arrest Petrosino's
assassins, the police department will
work through the State Department in
assisting the Italian government. Petrosino
was something more than a police-
man on detached service when he went
to Italy. He carried credentials from
the State Department, and had been ac-
ting as a diplomatic agent in attempting
to bring about an understanding between
Italy and this country, as to dealings
with Italian criminals.

One of the things Petrosino went to
Italy for was to secure the co-operation
of the Italian police in procuring the
records of immigrants who had been con-
victed at home. The solution of the
Black Hand problem lay in Italy, not
in New York, Petrosino believed.

The detective's presence in Italy, and
his activities for a month past, were
known not only to the sixty who had
been deported, but to innumerable friends
and relatives.

Story of the Crime.

Rome, March 13.—At 9 o'clock last night
on the Piazza Marina, which is a very
dark spot in the Palermo, Lieut. Joseph
Petrosino, New York police force, was
shot and killed. A sailor saw a man
slashing against an iron railing, with blood
streaming from his mouth. He fell dead
within a few minutes without speaking.

The sailor saw two men hiding in a
neighboring house. These two men fled
at the approach of the police.

The identification of the dead man was
easy. Besides a police shield, numbered
285, there was found on Petrosino's body
a letter addressed to Adeline Petrosino,
223 Lafayette street, New York City.

One of the children carried in his hand
a note to mail when he was killed. In ad-
dition to this, there were many credentials
and visiting cards.

The magistrate ordered the body re-
moved to the police station, where it was
ascertained that death had been almost
instantaneous. Two bullets, either of
which would have killed, had been fired
at close range. They struck the detective
in the cheek near the mouth.

The body was afterward conveyed to
the cemetery, where a post-mortem was
held. The result is not announced.

Nobody knew of Petrosino's presence in
Sicily, or the nature of his mission, except
the chief of police of Palermo.

The Italian newspapers, without excep-
tion, deplore the crime, and publish long
sketches of Petrosino.

Special instructions have been sent
from police headquarters here to Palermo
that no effort must be spared to arrest
the assassins. It is reported that the
police have a clue, which is being fol-
lowing, but not much credence is given
to this, as similar crimes committed by
the Mafia, the Black Hand, and the Camorra
are never discovered.

Wife Receives Letter.

New York, March 13.—Petrosino's wife
received a letter from him a few days
ago, in which he wrote that he feared his
presence in Italy was known. Although
he had been recognized in Palermo, there
is no doubt that Petrosino keenly appre-
ciated his danger in Palermo. He wrote
to his wife that he was glad his work
was nearly over.

Ralph Mitchell, who had worked with
the lieutenant for six years in a spe-
cialized warfare on the groups of ignorant
and cowardly terrorists from Italy, re-

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Show-
ers, followed by fair to-day; to-
morrow, fair and cooler; moder-
ate to brisk southerly, shifting to
westerly, winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Gen. Palmer Dies in Colorado.
1—Men Quarrel Over Carmack Case.
1—"Black Hand" Kills Famous Sleuth.
6—Relief Planned for Father Elbert.
6—Roosevelt Entertained at Luncheon.
6—Miners Postpone Their Strike.
7—Judge Parker Scores the Tariff.
8—Man a Suicide While Wife Pleads.

LOCAL.
1—Cannon Renominated for Speaker.
1—Nicaragua War Scare Dispel-
led.
2—Second Army Corps Veterans Dine.
2—Taft to Nominate Southerners.
2—Evangelist Predicts Disaster.
2—National Guard Favors Dick Law.

TAFT'S AUNT AT HOME.

Miss Torrey Says "Will" Is Busy
Settling Things.

MILBURY, Mass., March 13.—Miss Della
C. Torrey, only living aunt of President
Taft, arrived home last night from Wash-
ington. She was accompanied by Mrs.
William A. Edwards, of Los Angeles,
Cal., only sister of the President.

"I have learned to take much pleasure
in riding in automobiles, as Miss Board-
man has one, and there are two at the
White House, so I had a chance to get
used to that kind of riding, and it is
fine," Miss Torrey said. "I have been
the guest of Will and his family at the
White House since the inauguration, and
it is a delightful place to be in."

"Will is very busy these days, getting
things under way, and has little time for
visiting. The stories that he has been
disagreeing with Teddy are not true.
They have always been the best of
friends, and were to the last, when
they shook hands in sight of the multi-
tude. Every person present cheered
them."

BOY SHOTS PLAYMATE.

Quarrel Over Toy May End in
Child's Death.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 13.—After a
quarrel over a toy wheelbarrow, Roy
Robinetto, twelve years old, ran into his
house to-night, seized his .22-caliber rifle,
and shot and probably fatally wounded
James Powell, thirteen years old, and
escaped.

Powell was taken to the hospital and
was operated upon. The physicians say
he has little chance to recover. No trace
of the Robinetto boy has been found.

KILLS HIMSELF NEAR FAMILY

Man's Spirit Was Broken by Lack
of Work.

Uses Pistol in Room Next to Where
His Wife and Five Children
Were Seated.

New York, March 13.—His spirit broken
by inability to get work, and out of sorts
with what he called the "cruel American
system of ostracizing elderly people,"
William Rapp, fifty-four years old, a machi-
nist, committed suicide to-day at his
home, 533 West Fifty-fifth street, in a room
adjoining that in which his wife and five
children were seated at a meal that had
been bought with the last of the savings
of a lifetime. The noon meal was half
over when Rapp arose from the table,
locked himself in the next room, and sit-
ting on a chair, fired a bullet into his
right temple. He died instantly.

This note, addressed to his wife, Kate,
was on the floor:
"Forgive me for what I am doing.
The means of subsistence are gone, and I
do not want any one to keep me. Were
it not for this cruel American system of
ostracizing elderly people, by which an
existence is absolutely denied to a man
in the fifties, I would never think of
being tired of life."

"I would not utter a word of complaint
if I were an inviolable and unable to work,
but as it is, I am as strong and able
to work as I was fifteen years ago. That
is what breaks my heart. See the letter I
left for you in the top of the trunk and
notify the life insurance company at 36
Broadway. Your husband,
"WILLIAM RAPP."

Hearing the shot, Mrs. Rapp fainted.
One of the children hunted up a police-
man. Officer Rosenberg forced the door
and found Rapp dead.

Rapp came here from Germany thirty-
five years ago.

WINAN'S SUIT DISCUSSED.

Defendant in Case Brought by Prince
Son-in-law III

Baltimore, Md., March 13.—Ross R.
Winans, the Baltimore millionaire, is ill
at his home in St. Paul street, and the
question is being discussed whether the
suit against him brought by his son-in-
law, Prince De Bearn, of Paris, shall be
tried in court or the testimony be taken
before a commission. Mr. Winans prefers
the latter course.

The suit of the prince against his
father-in-law and Gen. Ferdinand C. La-
trobe has been referred to by the prince
as an "amiable suit," and is for the pur-
pose of having the estate left by the
Princess De Bearn, formerly Miss Be-
atrice Winans, to her two infant chil-
dren, turned over to the prince as guar-
dian. About \$200,000 is involved. The
prince is represented by Mr. Leon, a New
York lawyer.

Since the death of his wife, Ross R.
Winans has led a secluded life at his
home, and sees few visitors, even among
what were formerly his closest friends.

Lieut. Mitchell Resigns.
Lieut. Hiram E. Mitchell, retired officer
of the army and son of former Senator
Mitchell, of Oregon, has resigned, even
though he is no longer in active service,
and will hereafter be a plain citizen. The
resignation, it is said, was voluntary.
Lieut. Mitchell giving as his reason his
desire to live abroad.

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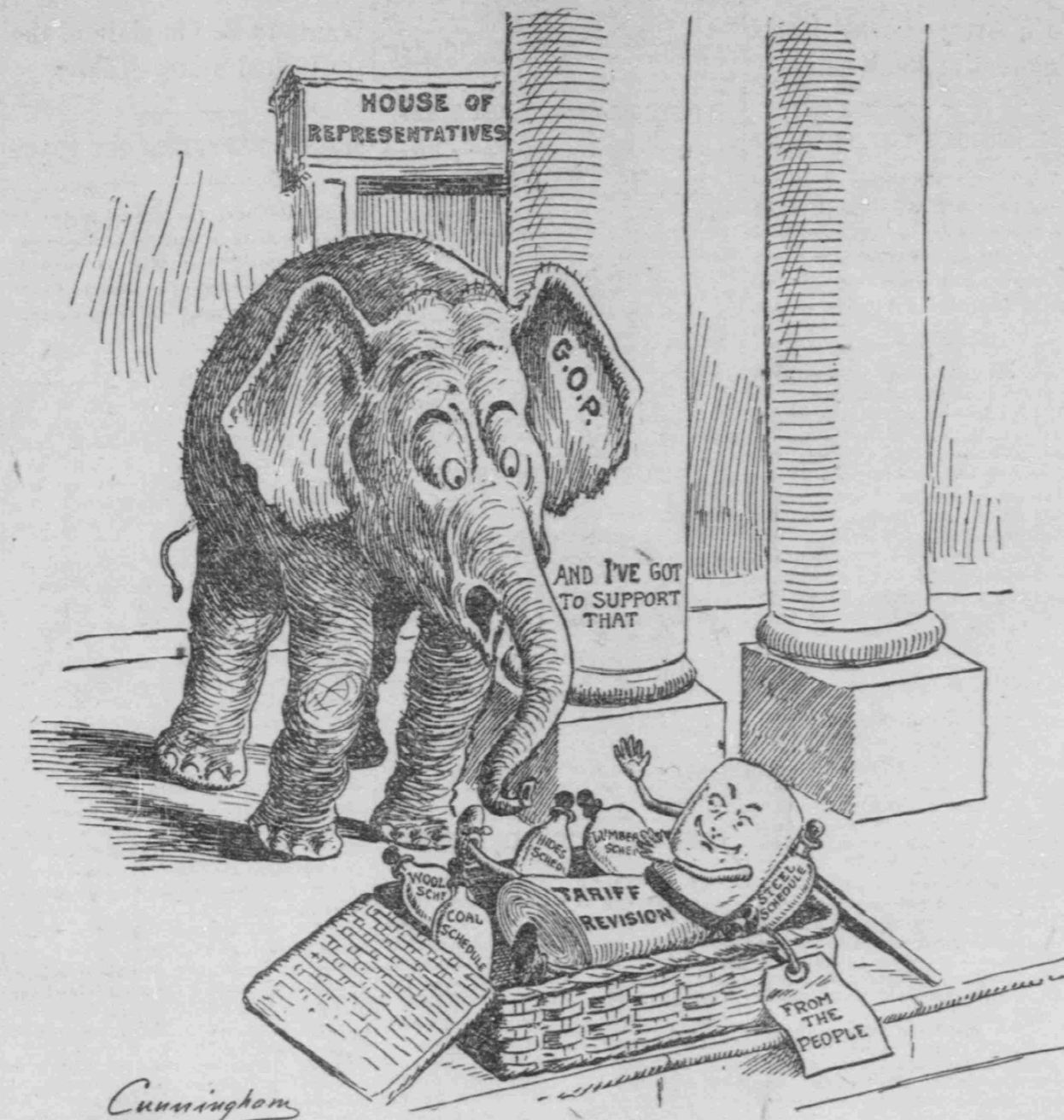
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OFFICIALS DISPEL
NICARAGUA SCAREThink Flourish of Big Stick
Will Be Sufficient.

WAR SHIPS ALREADY ON SCENE

No News Received of Reported Con-
flict Between Salvador and Nica-
ragua—Mexico to Back United States
in Preserving Peace in Central
America—May Recall Minister.

While the government of the United
States is willing to take most drastic
action against President Zelaya, of Nica-
ragua, if he insists upon violating his
treaty obligations, officials of the gov-
ernment do not believe forcible measures
will be necessary, as it is expected that
once Zelaya realizes how really in earnest
the United States and Mexico are, he will
recede from his belligerent attitude and
behave himself.

The United States insists upon two
things: That Zelaya keep the peace and
that he make some step toward the arbi-
tration and settlement of the Emery
claim. This claim has been bothering
the State Department for two or more
years, and the new administration is of
the opinion that the matter should be
closed at once.

Flourish of Big Stick.

The present operations of the American
government comprise a flourish of the
big stick, with an intent to wield it in
earnest if the mere flourish does not
bring about the desired result.

There was a great deal of talk yester-
day of sending expeditions to Nicaragua.
The Secretary of State inquired of the
Secretary of the Navy as to the possi-
bility of sending an expedition
of marines into Nicaragua.

The Secretary of the Navy said there
were about 600 marines in Panama and 200
more at Guantanamo that could quickly
be transported to the trouble zone. That
is about as far as plans for an expedition
actually went. In the meantime four
American gunboats are headed for Nica-
raguan waters.

They have been sent there to be pre-
sent in the event that Zelaya makes fur-
ther trouble. The commanders of these
vessels, as far as can be learned, have no
further instruction than to be present in
Nicaraguan waters. There will be Ameri-
can gunboats at Corinto and Amapala,
on the Pacific side, and at Bluefields and
Greytown on the Caribbean.

No news was received in Washington
yesterday of the reported conflict between
warships of Nicaragua and Salvador. As
the day went on and no confirmation of
the reported naval engagement came in,
officials of the State Department were
more and more inclined to believe that
it had not taken place, although it was

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PROBE FOR BOODLERS.

Thirty Persons Have Been Sub-
poenaed in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, March 13.—Heroic efforts to
purge the city's lawmaking bodies of bood-
lers that were begun early Monday morn-
ing, when the grand jury convened for
an extraordinary session, will result in a
searching examination for graft evidence.
Thirty persons, the first of many scores
who will be brought before the body, al-
ready have been subpoenaed by District
Attorney William A. Blakeley to tell what
they know of councilmanic corruption.

One man, whose testimony was particu-
larly desired by the Commonwealth in
this connection, has fled from the jurisdic-
tion of the State. He is said to be a
prominent banker connected with a big lo-
cal institution.

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NOVEL OPERATION PERFORMED

Physician Uses Knife to Save Brain
of Child.

New York, March 13.—An experiment
in surgery that may have far-reaching
and important results was made at the
Cumberland Street Hospital in Brooklyn
to-day on a three-weeks-old baby.
Briefly, the operation is designed not only
to save the life of the child which nature
sent into the world most severely handi-
capped, but to give the child the use of
its brain, which nature has so far denied
it. Its small cranium, normally tender
and to a degree plastic, had suffered pre-
mature ossification. There were no "soft
spots" in the small head, and the sutures
had closed hard.

The operating surgeon then made an
incision in the scalp, and hopes that by
thus imitating nature the child's brain
will have a chance to grow. There is,
however, only one chance in a great
many that success will crown his efforts.

JACK LONDON BREAKS DOWN.

Author Is Obligated to Discontinue
His World Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Jack Lon-
don, the author, who started from this city
some time ago in his yacht, the Shark,
for a cruise around the world, is a phys-
ical wreck in the Southern seas, and be-
cause of continued illness he has aban-
doned the long trip to return to Cal-
ifornia.

This information is contained in a let-
ter received from London to-day by a
friend in the literary colony here. He
says his nervous system has completely
broken down and that he has been in a
hospital for some time. It was known
among his friends in this city that Lon-
don has been ailing, but the news that
he is too ill to continue his voyage
around the world came as a surprise.

CHALONER GETS ALLOWANCE.

Former Husband of Amelia Rivers
Wins Contention.

New York, March 13.—On the applica-
tion of John Armstrong Chaloner,
through his counsel, Thomas Sherman,
Justice Fitzgerald signed an order direct-
ing Mr. Sherman to allow Chaloner \$13,000
a year out of the estate of the applicant,
who is considered an incompetent in this
State, although the courts of Virginia,
where he resides, have declared him to be
sane.

He is a brother of Lewis S. Chanler,
the former lieutenant governor, but pre-
fers to spell his name as he says they
ancestors did. He was once married to
Amelia Rivers.

WIRELESS AT DINNER.

Humorous Messages Sent to Ma-
chinery Club Event.

New York, March 13.—Five hundred
members of the Machinery Club, and half
as many guests, attended the club's
snooker this afternoon, in the Hudson
Terminal Building. The features that
seemed to please the members most was
a series of wireless telegrams. All the
messages were genuine, except as to the
detail of the signatures, and were sent by
members of the club from Washington,
Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Here are
some of them:

"The Maxim Silent Fire Arms Com-
pany, New York—Positively no, will not
use elevator of any sort. 'T. R.'"
"Would accept your invitation to talk
on tariff, but I dislike publicity."
"ANDREW CARNEGIE."

"Deny rumor. Did not go up with Wil-
bur Wright; my fly days are over."
"ALBERT EDWARD VII."

Referee in Gould Case.

New York, March 13.—Upon consent of
counsel for both parties, Supreme Court
Justice Fitzgerald to-day appointed Ed-
ward G. Whittaker as referee to take
testimony and report to the court in the
suit brought by Helen Kelly Gould for
an absolute divorce from her husband,
Frank J. Gould.

The Persian Minister Sale,
Gen. Mortez, Khan, before leaving for
an extended visit to his country, will sell
his personal effects, including many royal
Persian rugs, of value to a collector; fine
tapestry and embroideries, curios, furni-
ture, arms, etc., at the Sloan Galleries,
1407 G st., Wednesday, Thursday, and Fri-
day, and they will be on exhibition there
to-morrow and Tuesday from 9 to 5.

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HOW HOUSE IS DIVIDED

There are 391 members of the
House, and a majority necessary
to elect a Speaker, if the full mem-
bership were present, is 196.
There are 219 Republicans and
172 Democrats.

Mr. Cannon's 162 votes in last
night's caucus leave him 34 votes
less than a majority of the full
House membership.

The entire Democratic mem-
bership combined with 24 insurgent
Republicans could defeat Mr. Can-
non.

POPE IS ILL AGAIN.

No Audiences Will Be Granted Until
His Recovery.

Rome, March 13.—The Pope is again
ill, and all audiences have been stopped.
The physicians insist that the holy father
shall remain in bed, and it is not likely
that any audiences will be granted until a
complete recovery is attained.

ROOSEVELT WILL TESTIFY.

Town Topics Case Will Not Delay
African Trip.

New York, March 13.—It developed to-
day that the case in which ex-President
Roosevelt is to be a witness is that of
P. A. Juley against Town Topics. The
summons was served upon Mr. Roosevelt
at the reception which his fellow-town-
smen gave to him Friday night at Oyster
Bay.

Juley contends that Town Topics used
a copyrighted photograph of Mr. Roose-
velt, without authorization, in its book,
"Pads and Fancies." The ex-President
says that he's sure the case won't keep
him from sailing to Africa on time.

WOULD ABOLISH DIVORCE.

Delaware Legislature May Prohibit
Legal Separation.

Dover, Del., March 13.—Doing away with
all divorce and legal separations of mar-
ried persons in Delaware was proposed to-
day by a bill introduced by Representative
Connelly, in the legislature.

The bill repeals the international di-
vorce law recently adopted by Delaware,
and all other bills for legal annulment
of marriages.

Companion bills to the above have al-
ready been passed by the house of rep-
resentatives, one providing two months'
imprisonment for illegal relations with
"affinities," and another prescribing im-
prisonment and twenty or more lashes on
the bare back at the whipping post for
cruelty to a woman in the form of wife
beating.

GEN. W. J. PALMER IS DEAD

Millionaire Philanthropist Succumbs
to Old Injuries.

War Record Was One of Most Pic-
turesque of All—Medal of Honor
Awarded by Congress.

Denver, March 13.—Gen. William Jack-
son Palmer, Colorado pioneer, State and
railroad builder, founder of Colorado
Springs, millionaire, philanthropist, and
ex-soldier, died at his beautiful country
home, Glen Eyrie, near Colorado Springs,
this afternoon as a result of injuries re-
ceived over two years ago by being
thrown from a horse he was riding. Gen.
Palmer's spinal column was fractured
just below the base of the brain by this
accident, which caused paralysis.

Gen. Palmer possessed a fortune esti-
mated at several millions. He is sur-
vived by three daughters and one grand-
child.

Gen. Palmer's war record was one of
the most picturesque of those of civil war
times. Among the exploits in which he
figured as colonel of the Fifteenth Pen-
sylvania Cavalry was the capture at Red
Hill, Ala., of a field piece and 100 prisoners.
He had a force of 150 men, none of
whom was lost in the skirmish. For this
feat Gen. Palmer was awarded a Con-
gressional medal of honor.

Gen. Palmer's loyalty to the G. A. R.
and his old regiment has been such that
he never missed a reunion of the vet-
erans. On the occasion of the last re-
union, finding himself unable to come
East, he invited the Fifteenth's survivors
to his magnificent estate in Colorado,
providing a special train and entertaining
them royally for a week.

After the civil war Gen. Palmer man-
aged the construction of the Kansas Pa-
cific Railroad and the Denver and Rio
Grande. He was president of the Mexi-
can National Railway for seven years,
and later of the Rio Grande and Western.
He was born in Delaware in 1836.

CASE FOR HIGHEST COURT.

Involves Effect of Remonstrance
Against Saloon License.

La Porte, Ind., March 13.—The Indiana
Supreme Court, having affirmed the
judgment granting a saloon license to
Park B. Rhoades, of South Bend, prepara-
tion will be made to carry the case to
the United States Supreme Court.

The case involves the effect of a re-
monstrance which, to be effectual, must
be "on account of immorality or other
unlawfulness," as prescribed by the statute.

TOAST TAFT AND KAISER.

Deutscher Verein of New York Holds
Annual Dinner.

New York, March 13.—Maj. Gen. Leon-
ard A. Wood and Comptroller Herman
A. Metz were the guests of honor at the
seventh annual dinner of the Deutscher
Officers' Verein, held to-night in the
yacht room of the Hotel Astor.

The healths of President Taft and of
Emperor Wilhelm were drank.

Thousand Persons Killed.

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 13.
—The Empress of China, which steamer
arrived here last night, brought news of
the destruction of three villages in Java
by the top of Mount Kenjanga falling
off. A thousand persons were killed.

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CANNON LEADS

Friends of Speaker Are
Dominant at Caucus.

HAVE THE WHIP HAND

Real Contest, However, Will
Take Place To-morrow.

FIGHT IS TO BE RENEWED

Movement for Change in Method of
Appointment of Committee on
Rules Is Successfully Carried Out.
Project to Support Col. Hepburn
Is Gaining Ground with Insur-
gents and Democrats—Has Strong
Backing—Lieutenants Are Obdu-
rate—Compromise Talked Of.

Joseph G. Cannon won a decided victory
at the Republican caucus last night, when
he received 162 of the votes cast for
Speaker of the House of Representatives
during the Sixty-first Congress.

The action last night was merely the
nomination for the Speakership, and the
real contest between the regular Republi-
cans and the insurgents and the Demo-
crats will take place to-morrow, when
the reorganization of the House comes up
on the opening of the new Congress.

Not only was Mr. Cannon successful
in again winning the nomination for the
Speakership, but everything done by the
members of the caucus was directly in
line with his policies. In no sense of the
word was he at any time out of control
of the situation, and the proceedings
were carried on exactly according to
schedule.

Loyal to Cannon.

However, "Uncle Joe" will not appoint
the members of the House Committee on
Rules, as has been the custom in the
past. Notwithstanding this fact, the Re-
publicans last night named Representative
John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and
Representative Walter I. Smith, of Iowa,
as the two Republican members of this
committee.

Had Speaker Cannon been given the au-
thority of appointing this committee, he
undoubtedly would have chosen these
two members, who have been loyal to
him in his long fight in the House.

This change of hold out by the Republi-
cans as a kind of compromise with the
insurgents and Democrats. The Rules
Committee will be composed of five mem-
bers of the House, as usual. The Speak-<